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THEREOF**

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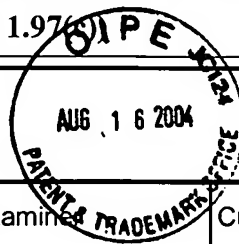
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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The cited references are listed in a European Search Report for a corresponding European application. JP 06 148463 and JP 07 027945 are also listed in the Search Report, but were already cited in an Information Disclosure Statement submitted on March 3, 2004. A copy of the Search Report is included with this submission.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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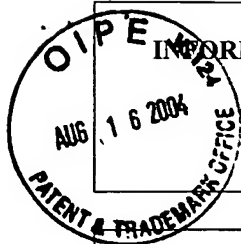
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